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# Office Memorandum

★ TULARE COUNTY

TO : Each Board Member

DATE: April 21, 1978

FROM : Art Alexander

SUBJECT: Proposed Service Cuts Resulting from Jarvis-Gann Initiative

As you know, we have asked each department to prepare a "13 Budget" (Jarvis-Gann) and also to prepare a "Service Impact Statement," describing the effect of the budget cuts. The departments have started to work on this, but the budget will not reach our office until May 5, 1978.

We have also been requested to supply information about service cuts to a speakers bureau being established to speak on Propositions 13 and 8. Consequently, we called some department heads and gathered preliminary data to prepare the attached Service Impact Statement. This statement covers some of the service cuts we will be presenting for your consideration in May.

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CC: Each Department Head

Attachment

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COUNTY OF TULARE  
SERVICE IMPACT STATEMENT  
RESULTING FROM  
PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 13 (JARVIS-GANN)

The following service reductions are being proposed by the Tulare County Department Heads to implement Proposition 13 if it is approved by the voters on June 6. The final determination on service reductions, however, will be made by the Board of Supervisors.

AGRICULTURE

- Elimination of packinghouse inspection on week-ends.
- Elimination of County roadside noxious weed control program --grower will have to control adjacent infestations.
- Discontinuance of the non-agricultural residential rodent control program and all home yard programs.

COURTS

- Delay in the calendaring of civil and small claim cases due to the need to give priority to criminal cases.

FIRE

- Reduction in staffing in 29 fire stations from one paid fire fighter on duty 24 hours/day - 7 days/week to one paid fire fighter 8 hours/day - 3½ days/week.
- Closing 1/3 of the 32 County fire stations on the valley floor.
- Increase in response time from immediate response to 10 to 15 minutes longer, provided volunteers are available, with further delays in areas where stations have been closed.

HEALTH

- Less frequent inspections of restaurants, food processing establishments, and other businesses where the public could contract communicable diseases, or substantially increasing fees and licenses.
- Reduction in free basic health services, such as venereal disease control, tuberculosis detection and treatment, and immunization, or the institution of fees to offset costs.

HOSPITAL

- Elimination of obstetrics -- the hospital's greatest loss area.
- Increases in hospital rates of 10%.
- Increased waiting periods before clinic patients are seen.



LEGAL OFFICES (PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE)

- Increased plea bargaining due to reduction in time to pursue cases.
- Elimination or reduction in the use of expert witnesses, investigators, etc.

LIBRARY

- Closing 20 of the 28 branch libraries and reducing business hours in the remaining 8 branches by  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- Closing the main library at Visalia evenings and Saturdays.
- Elimination of school stops for the bookmobile.

MENTAL HEALTH

- Reduction in hours for outpatient clinics in Visalia, Tulare, Porterville and Dinuba from 40 hours/week to 28 hours/week.
- Reduction of inpatient treatment for 30% of the mental patients requiring hospitalization.

PARKS

- Reduction in hours the parks are open -- change of the present 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. schedule to 12:00 noon to 10:00 P.M.
- Proposed charge of \$1.00 per car for Mooney Grove, Bartlett, Cutler and Pixley Parks.

ROADS

- Decrease in road maintenance for next year from 270 miles to 135 miles maintained -- a 50% reduction.
- Reduction in road striping and pavement marking of 50%.
- Elimination of service to 75% of the street lights.

SHERIFF

- Increase in the average 8-minute response time to a more lengthy response, depending on the availability of officers in the field.
- Elimination of 24 hour/day, 7 days/week coverage in some areas.
- Elimination of the present backup system where a second car is available.
- Elimination of most preventive patrols and discontinuance of selective patrols in high crime rate areas.



SOCIAL SERVICES

--Increased CETA (Comprehensive Employment & Training Act) funds are expected as a result of California's anticipated 11% unemployment rate.

--Reduction in Senior Citizens, Veterans and Women's programs.

SOLID WASTE

--Closure of 5 landfill dump sites.

--Proposed charge of \$5.00 per ton at remaining sites.

STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

--Loss of an estimated \$3.3 million in State and Federal funds presently available.

WELFARE

--Continuation of Welfare grants -- grants will not be affected and the County will continue to pay \$7.3 million in property taxes to support these programs.

--Continuation of food stamps, Homemaker/Chore Services and medical care to indigents.

--Increase in the number of Welfare recipients in direct relationship to increased unemployment.

--Elimination of most social services and a reduction of time spent on eligibility screening and grant determination.

